

The subject of this work is women on maternity and parental leave as a target group of adult education. These women are inserted in the target group mainly because they are handicapped on the labor market. In this work, I am presenting the most complex view of the examined group, its position in the society and the educational possibilities.

The first part of this work describes some solutions related to women on maternity and parental leave. It is mainly a social view on the ideas of maternity and parenthood which has changed through the history and which has been modified by opinions of psychologists and pedagogues.

The second part of my work is focused on a brief analysis of the current social situation of women with small children. I describe important measures offered by the state such as the institute of the maternity and parental leave and child care. For the proper setting of these measures, it is important to know the attitudes assumed by the society towards them.

The education of women on maternity and parental leave is not an easy task. I describe motivations of these women, organizational specifics related to the creation of the educational programs and also some of the educational possibilities during the period of maternity and parental leave. At the end, I write about a possible function of the education of this target group.